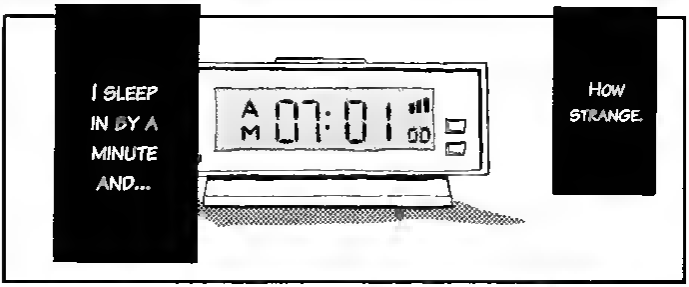
I SLEEP IN BY A MINUTE AND...
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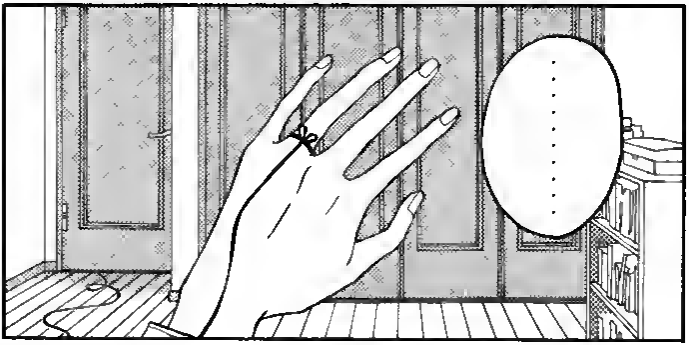
HOW STRANGE.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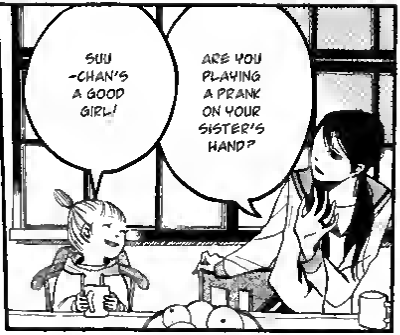
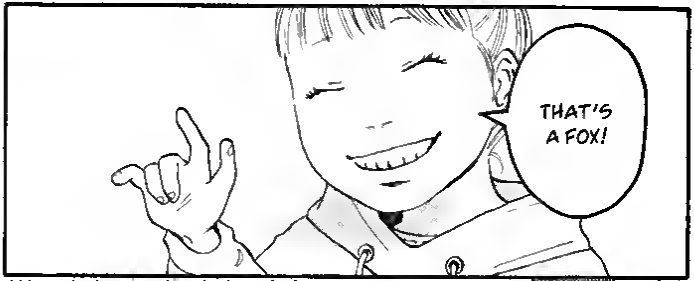
A RED
THREAD?

Red Road

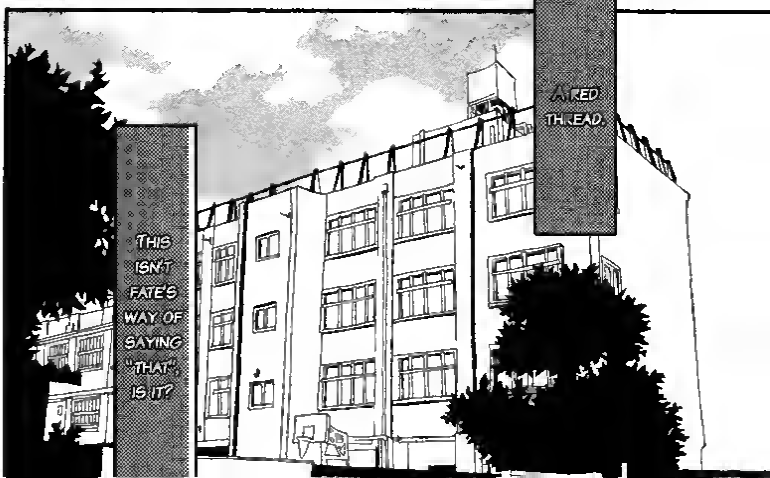
ANDOU YUKI

KAZUKA.
17 YEARS OLD.
AN IRREGULAR GIRL WHO CALMLY COPES WITH ANY SITUATION.
DOING HER HAIR WHILE WALKING IN ONE GO
MOTHER,
WHAT'S THIS?
SUU -CHAN.
WHAT NOW?
OH, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR EGGS, SUNNY SIDE-UP OR SCRAMBLED?
I CAN'T TAKE THIS OFF
I'll have sunny side up thanks.
WOW, YOUR LIFELINE IS VERY LONG, ISN'T IT?
WOULD YOU LIKE JAM WITH YOUR TOAST?
. . . .
Plain toast will do





T/N note: her hand is making the shape of a fox...



IT'S JUST MY HALLUC-INATION.
NO-ONE'S SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT IT...
AS I THOUGHT.
HEY, IT'S SHIMA AND CO.!
THEY'RE AS FLASHY TODAY AS USUAL.
AH HA HA HA-
WHAT?

KAZUKA?
IN THIS CROWD EXISTS THE OTHER PERSON-
THIS STRING IS CONNECTED TO!

2-4
YOU'RE --!
WHAT A SURPRISE!
IF IT ISN'T THE CLASS PRES!
HEH, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
IT'S SHIMA..
MORNING.
HEH.
KAZUKA, YOU AND SHIMA,
WHAT'S UP, KAZUKA?
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU SPEAK TO HIM.
SO OUT OF THE BLUE TOO.

YEAH, IT'S A FIRST
YEAH, THAT WAS PRETTY BOLD OF YOU THEN
AND THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN SHIMA SO SURPRISED TOO!
I AGREE.
HE ALWAYS HAS A COOL COMPOSURE
PLUS, HE'S REALLY GOOD AT READING THE ATMOSPHERE
..SHIMA...

MAYBE HE KNOWS ABOUT THE
HE BLURTED OUT, "YOU'RE--!"

CAN HE SEE THE THREAD AS WELL?
. . . . . .
IS THE CLASS PRESIDENT HERE?
AND WE ALSO NEED SOMEONE ELSE TOO
COME AND COLLECT THE DOCUMENTS.
OH, SHIMA, YOU'LL DO!

WE'RE CHANGING THE SEAT PLACE-MENTS!
PLEASE PULL OUT YOUR NEW SEAT NUMBER!
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IS IT JUST MY IMAGIN-ATION?
...
WELL, I GUESS A LITTLE MORE TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE.
NOW YOU AND SHIMA HAVE A STRONGER CONNEC-TION.
YOU WERE IN THE SAME CLASS FOR YOUR FIRST YEAR AND YOU GUYS ALSO WENT TO THE SAME MIDDLE SCHOOL TOO.
...
Actually we went to the same Elementary as well
HE ALSO HELPED YOU WITH THE STUDENT BOARD ACTIVITIES OR WITH THE OTHER DUTIES IN MIDDLE SCHOOL TOO!
IT'S UNNATURAL FOR YOU TO NOT HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH HIM AFTER ALL THAT.
...
RED THREAD
BLUE ISLAND

I UNDER
-STAND
NOW.
SHIMA,
I NEED
TO SPEAK
WITH YOU.
COME
WITH ME
FOR A
BIT.
ACCESS
-ORIES
ARE A
VIOLATION
OF THE
SCHOOL
RULES
OH,
RIGHT
Sorry

LET'S FOLLOW THE RULES LAID OUT FOR US THEN
I THINK IT'S FATE BUT—
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I THINK SO TOO?
I HOPE WE CAN GET ALONG
UNDERSTOOD
2-4
HEY!
CON-GRATS!
YEAH MAN!
AS EXPECTED OF SHIMA
HE'S READING THE ATMOSPHERE PERFECTLY...

WE SORT OF HAD A HUNCH
THAT THINGS WOULD TURN OUT THIS WAY SOONER OR LATER
THOUGH YOU GUYS NEVER SPOKE, SO WE CHANGED OUR MINDS
BUT WE ALSO THOUGHT THAT YOU GUYS WERE SUBCONS-CIOUSLY AWARE THAT YOU WERE AN ITEM!
EVEN IF YOU ASK US, WE CAN'T EXACTLY ANSWER TO WHAT IT IS, BUT YOU TWO JUST COMPLIMENT EACH OTHER
CLASS PRESIDENT AND SHIMA, THAT IS
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE

FATE IS AMAZING.
SHIMA...
IT LOOKS LIKE WE DEFINITELY HAVE TO FIND HAPPINESS TOGETHER...

AND SO IT BEGINS.
IT DOES APPEAR THAT WAY
THE IDEAL HOUSE,
AND WAYS TO PUT ALL THE PLANS TO ACTION
Wife-dependent husband
IN RELATION TO THE MARRIAGE PAPERS,
I'VE ALREADY COMPILED THE LOT
I'M THE ELDEST DAUGHTER WHAT ABOUT YOU?
ELDEST SON
HEY,
COULD I CALL YOU BY JUST KAZUKA?
. . . . . !!!
HAHA, IT'S OKAY!
I'LL MOVE OVER TO YOUR HOUSE AND BECOME THE SON-IN-LAW THERE INSTEAD
SHOCK ...
DIDN'T THINK ...
LET ME THINK ...

YEAH, CAUSE BOTH MY PARENTS WORK, SO I CAN ONLY BUY LUNCH
UM, ARE YOU JUST HAVING BREAD?
HMMM. THIS SORT OF FEELS LIKE WE'RE LOVERS
HAHA-
SURE.
WHAT IS IT?
NAH, NOTHING.
I SEE...
HAND -MADE BY THE CLASS PRES!?
WOAH!
THE TRAIN -ING WAS DIFFICULT
WHAT... WHAT AN ORIGINAL TASTE. THIS HONOURABLE FLAVOUR...
IT'S TRAIN -ING.
GOT IT?
GLOMP!
I'LL BE HELPING MYSELF!
WHY YOU-!
BA-DUM BA-DUM BA-DUM

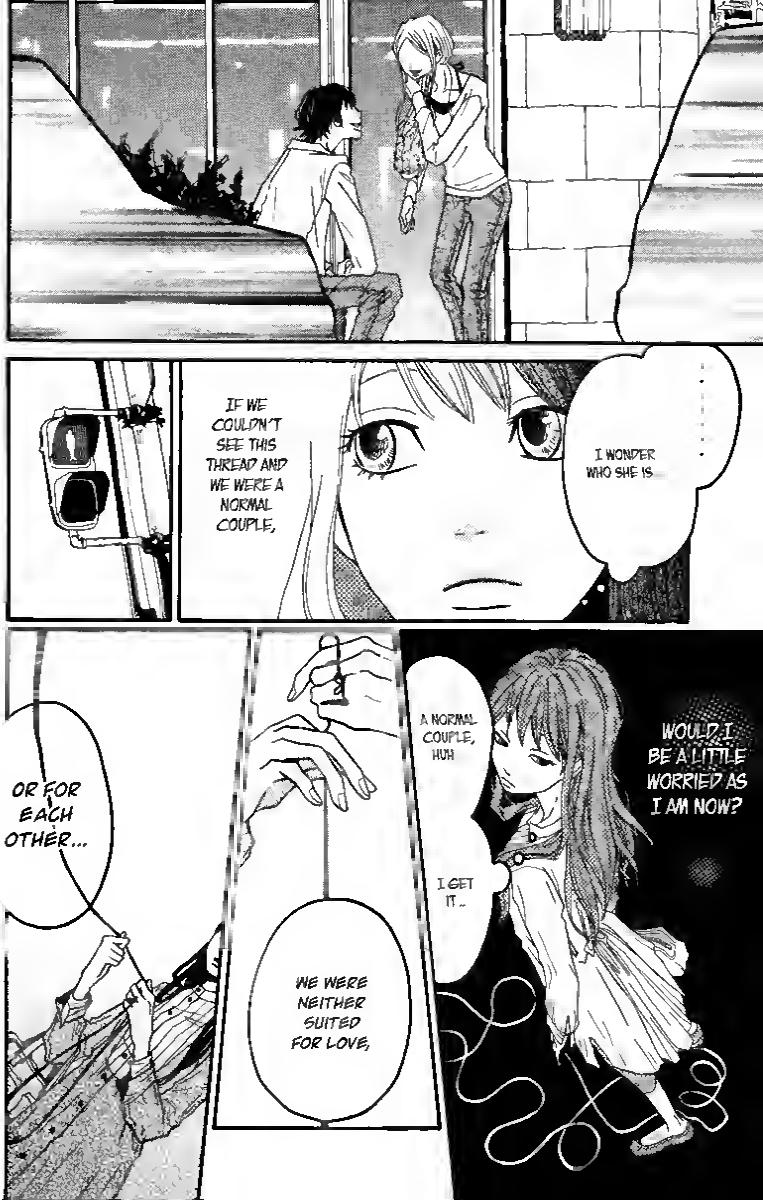
IT'S REALLY GOOD, YOU KNOW?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE SKILLED COOKING TYPE!
WHAT A SHOCK!
IT'S DELISH!
That bad?
(A MAN'S DISILLUSION)
HATE TO SAY THIS NOW, BUT YOU'RE JUST BEING BIASED!
. . . . .
BUT YOU KNOW THAT PEOPLE ALWAYS SAY I HAVE A TASTELESS OUTSET FOR FOOD, SO NO COMPLAINTS
HAHA, CAN'T DENY THAT
HE'S EVEN GOING THAT FAR...
JUST TO HELP OUT OTHERS...

KAZUKA.
I THOUGHT THAT I SHOULDN'T TELL YOU THIS, BUT-
YES?
STUFF LIKE THE DUTIES, OR THE SEAT PLANNING, AND EVEN THE CLASS COMMITTEE REPRESENT -ATIVES
HMMM?

HE HAD ALREADY SEEN THE THREAD SINCE THEN...
WHA-?
FROM WAY BEFORE?
YEAH
I PLANNED FOR ALL THAT TO HAPPEN
SORRY I WENT ALL THAT WAY TO MAKE YOU SAY IT FIRST
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD NEVER NOTICE OTHERWISE.
YOU KNOW WHAT?
I'M GLAD THAT IT IS YOU IN THE END.

ME TOO
FATE...

FATE IS REALLY A WONDERFUL THING.
UH -OH...
NOT GOOD
I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAD TROUBLE OVER DECIDING WHAT CLOTHES TO WEAR...
SHIMA'S PROBABLY ALREADY THERE...


I WONDER WHO SHE IS.
IF WE COULDN'T SEE THIS THREAD AND WE WERE A NORMAL COUPLE,
WOULD I BE A LITTLE WORRIED AS I AM NOW?
A NORMAL COUPLE, HUH
I GET IT..
WE WERE NEITHER SUITED FOR LOVE,
OR FOR EACH OTHER...

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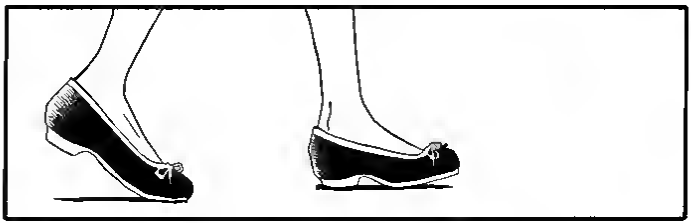
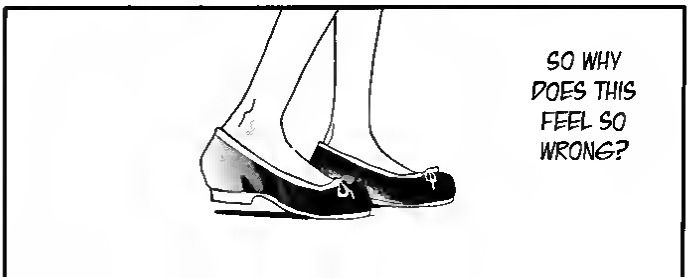
WHAT?
THE THREAD IS BEING PULLED ALONG!?
RIP

WAIT-!
IT'S GONE!
NO. THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED.
KAZUKA!
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK AWFULLY PALE?
I'M SORRY.

THE THREAD
I CUT IT.
HUH?
I'M SORRY. I REALLY HAD SO MUCH FUN WITH YOU TOO
FAREWELL

I GUESS IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE THREAD, WE NEVER WOULD HAVE BECOME SO CLOSE
BUT SHIMA REALLY WAS A GREAT PERSON.
AND TOO THINK, THIS EASILY TOO
THE RED THREAD COULD BE CUT.
HOW UNEXPECTEDLY LOGICAL.

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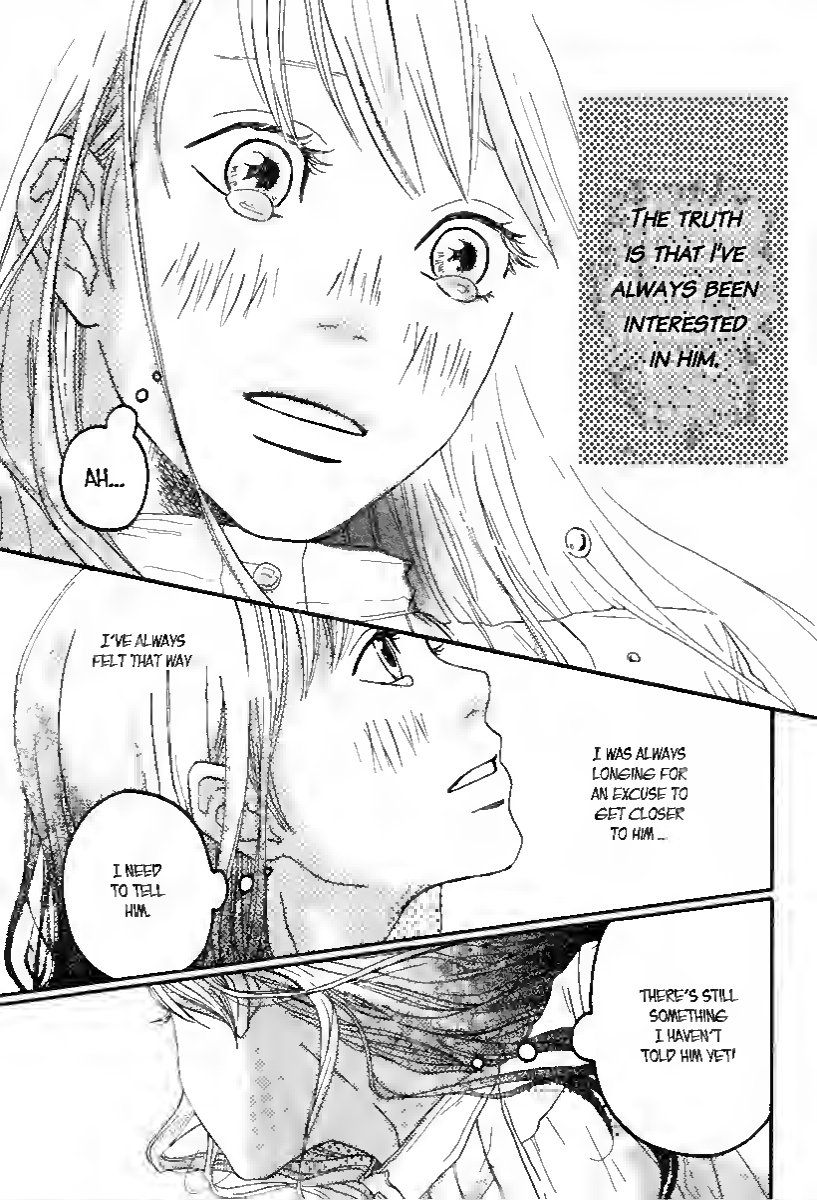
THE TRUTH IS THAT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN HIM.
AH...
I'VE ALWAYS FELT THAT WAY
I WAS ALWAYS LONGING FOR AN EXCUSE TO GET CLOSER TO HIM...
I NEED TO TELL HIM.
THERE'S STILL SOMETHING I HAVEN'T TOLD HIM YET!

AND WHAT ARE YOU CRYING ABOUT?

THE WOMAN BEFORE WAS ONLY ASKING FOR DIRECTIONS, SO .
ACTUALLY,
WHAT'S THIS TALK ABOUT A THREAD?
Is that a spiritual thing or some -thing?

PARDON...?
SHI-
COULD HE NOT SEE THE THREAD?
SHIMA...?
PLEASE DON'T TELL ME...
THAT THIS WAS ALL DUE TO MY DOING?
Everything all now!?
SHIMA, I...
I LOVE YOU SHIMA!
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT ME?

YOU'RE ASKING THIS NOW?
AREN'T I GOING OUT WITH YOU 'CAUSE I LOVE YOU?
EXCUSE ME-
Giggles
CHUCKLES
YOU'RE THE LADY FROM BEFORE.
I THOUGHT IT WAS MY FAULT THAT YOU HAD SUCH A MIS-UNDERSTANDING SO I CAME BACK TO EXPLAIN...
BUT, HOW DO I SAY THIS...
Well there's really no need to apologise now
THAT RED THREAD IS REALLY ADORABLE!
THE END.

IN.DIFFERENCE

...DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING...

Red Road
one-shot

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